

AMENDMENT

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1. A method of playing a stud poker card game in which a final hand has at least five cards comprising:

a) the player selecting to play at least two hands;
b) a player making a wager which is allocated among the hands selected to be played by the player;

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c) dealing and displaying face up a number of partial hands of less than five cards, the number of partial hands corresponding to the number of hands selected to be played by the player, each partial hand having the same cards by suit and rank;

d) dealing and displaying face up additional cards to each hand to complete each hand so that each final hand has at least five cards;

e) determining the poker hand ranking of each final hand;
and

f) paying the player a pre-established amount based on the amount of the wager on each hand if the final hand comprises a predetermined poker hand ranking.

Please amend Claim 14 as follows:

Claim 14. A method of playing a stud poker card game in which a final hand has a predetermined number of cards comprising:

- a) the player selecting to play at least two hands;
 - b) a player making a wager which is allocated among the hands selected to be played by the player;
 - c) dealing and displaying face up a number of partial hands of less than the predetermined number of cards, the number of partial hands corresponding to the number of hands selected to be played by the player, each partial hand having the same cards by suit and rank;
 - d) dealing and displaying face up additional cards to each hand to complete each hand so that each final hand has the predetermined number of cards;
 - e) determining the poker hand ranking of each final hand; and
 - f) paying the player a pre-established amount based on the amount of the wager on each hand if the final hand comprises a predetermined poker hand ranking.
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Please amend Claim 21 as follows:

Claim 21. A method of playing a stud poker card game in which a final hand has a predetermined number of cards comprising:

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- a) the player selecting to play at least two hands;
 - b) a player making a wager which is allocated among the hands selected to be played by the player;
 - c) dealing and displaying face up a number of partial hands of less than the predetermined number of cards, the number of partial hands corresponding to the number of hands selected to be played by the player, each partial hand having the same preselected cards by suit and rank;
 - d) dealing and displaying face up additional cards to each hand to complete each hand so that each final hand has the predetermined number of cards;
 - e) determining the poker hand ranking of each final hand;
and
 - f) paying the player a pre-established amount based on the amount of the wager on each hand if the final hand comprises a predetermined poker hand ranking.

Please amend Claim 22 as follows:

A3 Claim 22. The method of Claim 21 in which the preselected cards for the partial hand are from the group consisting of a Four Card Straight Flush, a Four Card Flush, a Four Card Straight, a Three-of-a-Kind, a Two Pair and a Pair.

Claim 14 has been amended to read as follows:

-- Claim 14. A method of playing a stud poker card game in which a final hand has a predetermined number of cards comprising:

- a) the player selecting to play at least two hands;
- b) a player making a wager which is allocated among the hands selected to be played by the player;
- c) dealing and displaying face up a number of partial hands of less than the predetermined number of cards, the number of partial hands corresponding to the number of hands selected to be played by the player, each partial hand having the same cards by suit and rank;
- d) dealing and displaying face up additional cards to each hand to complete each hand so that each final hand has the predetermined number of cards;
- e) determining the poker hand ranking of each final hand;
and
- f) paying the player a pre-established amount based on the amount of the wager on each hand if the final hand comprises a predetermined poker hand ranking. --

Claim 21 has been amended to read as follows:

-- Claim 21. A method of playing a stud poker card game in which a final hand has a predetermined number of cards comprising:

- a) the player selecting to play at least two hands;
- b) a player making a wager which is allocated among the hands selected to be played by the player;
- c) dealing and displaying face up a number of partial hands of less than the predetermined number of cards, the number of partial hands corresponding to the number of hands selected to be played by the player, each partial hand having the same preselected cards by suit and rank;
- d) dealing and displaying face up additional cards to each hand to complete each hand so that each final hand has the predetermined number of cards;
- e) determining the poker hand ranking of each final hand;
and
- f) paying the player a pre-established amount based on the amount of the wager on each hand if the final hand comprises a predetermined poker hand ranking. --

Claim 22 has been amended to read as follows:

-- Claim 22. The method of Claim 21 in which the preselected cards for the partial hand are from the group[s] consisting of a Four Card Straight Flush, a Four Card Flush, a Four Card Straight, a Three-of-a-Kind, a Two Pair and a Pair. --